

Iron County Register

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Work and patience propel the plow of prosperity.

The hearty daily laborer is happier than a dyspeptic prince.

Zaneville (O.) eggs are passing for currency. Got change for an egg?

Gold is still coming our way—speaking, of course, nationally, and not personally.

New York, it is reported, rests upon a bed of garnets. Still, the pickings above ground are richer.

A coal man has been fined for selling 1,916 pounds to the ton. That's a weigh they have sometimes.

A bulldog figured as a witness in a Chicago case. Opposing counsel refrained from cross-examination.

It is unsafe to trifle or temporize with anything that makes a noise like a grip germ getting in its work.

Spain produces over three billion corks every year. No wonder politicians regard Alfonso as a corker.

A Detroit prisoner has admitted stealing 5,000 fountain pens. A fitting punishment would be to make him fill them.

Some Ohio authorities are using pictures in an attempt to cure the insane. Not, however, souvenir postal cards.

If the sultan of Turkey is not permitted to make overdrafts on his bank the poor man is horribly circumscribed.

A Philadelphia man has just given his daughter a \$100,000 coming-out party. That's right. Put the money in circulation.

The czar, by banishing all the editors from Russia, would leave the political novelists in exclusive possession of the field.

A wise person should ever be in confidential relations with his digestion and not allow any tough traveler to hinder its felicity.

Variety of thought is as universal as the leaves, blades of grass or innumerable stars that glitter in the spheres of omnipotence.

Over 27,000 women in New York support their husbands. A husband is a convenience about the house if a woman can afford one.

People are now utilizing the telephone to talk through their chests, but the process of talking through the hat requires no telephone.

A lady poet declares that "it is pleasant to die for those we love." If it is not impertinent we would like to ask whether she has ever tried it.

Eleanor Glyn, the English novelist, has called the "Pilgrim Mothers" of New York a parcel of "tabby cats," and a Kilkenny time it impends.

When the Rev. Dr. Aikens wants to raise a specific sum of money he refuses to dismiss the congregation until he gets it. Put up or stay shut up.

One hundred brand-new ten-dollar gold pieces. Con you imagine a prettier sight?—Atlanta Georgian. Yes. Two hundred brand-new ten-dollar gold pieces.

Although clouds, rain and storms prevail in the realm of Dame Nature, there can ever linger in the brave heart and soul the sunshine of immortal hope.

According to the annual report of the Pinkerton agency, there doesn't seem to have been any decline in the prosperity of the bank-burglary business, anyway.

In Pittsburgh a man refused a present of \$100 in gold coins because they did not bear the motto: "In God We Trust." He was a minister, however; not a millionaire.

A Kansas man killed himself because he was tired of getting up at three o'clock in the morning to milk the cows. Apparently it never occurred to him to get married.

The cigarmakers' union of Boston has decided to bar married women from the shops unless their husbands are invalids. What a shock for those poor men who married for homes.

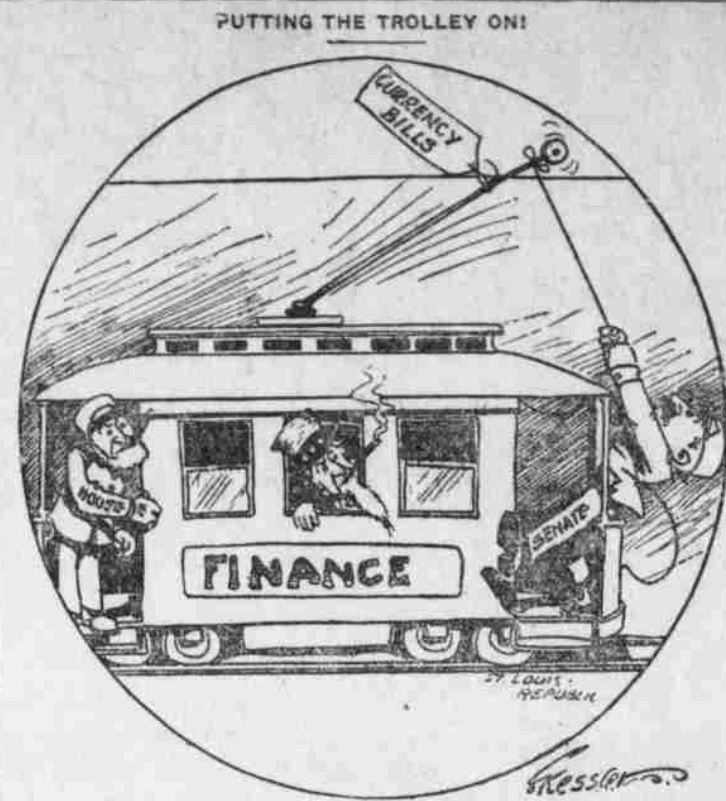
A prominent Washington physician says that "mince pie is not injurious if you can digest it." It might be added neither are carpet tacks—so much depends upon that little word "if."

Wearing a peekaboo shirt waist in winter is highly recommended for women who want to catch the grip. Plenty of men catch it without any special rules, thus demonstrating again the superior ingenuity of the sterner sex.

One of the college professors wants to know why a professional man should be more highly esteemed than a chef. Perhaps this college professor has been overestimating the esteem which professional men command—especially among people who are able to have chefs.

And now an Odessa school yard has been found planted with bombs. While restricting immigration from Japan, it may occur to us some day that there are others equally undesirable, if not more so.

It is reported that a case of leprosy has been cured in Europe. When this dreadful disease can be cured it is impossible to tell how far medical science will progress; in fact, there is no limit to the hope which such cases inspire. In course of time the idea that disease is crime will perhaps receive universal support; with the cures that science places at the disposal of humanity it will certainly show gross negligence to remain ill for any length of time. And yet after all the best medicine is right thinking and right living.



JAP'S FUTURE DARK

CONDITIONS IN EMPIRE SAID TO BE CRITICAL.

STRUGGLING UNDER WAR DEBT

British Statesmen Say Financial and Political Crisis There Is Alarming.

London—England is alarmed for Japan's future. British statesmen think the combined political and financial crisis there about the most serious any nation could possibly face.

It needed only a glance at the country's balance sheet to tell some time ago just what was coming, but no one seemed to appreciate the imminence of the danger. The past few days' developments have shown the world how grave the situation really is.

There will probably be no further serious talk of a Japanese declaration of war against any other power for a long time. Even with the best management, British statesmen and financiers say, they can't figure how the Mikado can wring between \$62 and \$63 per annum from each of his subjects—the poorest of any people on earth—until the war debt is paid. Yet, if he falls, Japan will get into the bankruptcy court.

War Talk Ridiculous.

For a government in this situation to talk about war against the United States is declared too ridiculous to be seriously discussed.

The crumbling of the Mikado's cabinet is regarded here as an incident purely of the financial difficulty. There is grave doubt whether the vacancies can be filled permanently without a national election, and the stirring up of popular feeling by an election just now is admittedly dangerous.

MAY IMPEACH GROSSCUP.

United States Supreme Court to Investigate Alleged Malfeasance.

Washington, D. C.—The impeachment of Judge Peter S. Grosscup of the Seventh United States circuit court, at Chicago, is a possible outcome of the allegations filed with the supreme court of the United States in connection with the application for the review of the judge's findings in the Chicago street railway case.

The charges were held by Justice Day to be of such serious character that he deemed it advisable to bring the matter to the attention of the entire bench. The complaint of the petitioners is that Judge Grosscup had a personal interest in the case and therefore had no right to try it.

Farmers Pursue Bengal Tiger.

Petersburg, Ind.—Over two hundred farmers of this and adjoining counties are engaged in a tiger chase. A large Bengal tiger has been seen in the country for two weeks. Attached to its neck is a collar with three links of a chain. Several heads of stock have been killed and people have feared to leave their homes at night.

Goldfield Keeps Troops.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt Friday, in response to an appeal from the Nevada legislature, transmitted by Gov. Sparks, ordered the federal troops to remain at Goldfield until the legislature shall have had opportunity to organize a state police force.

Held on Gambling Charge.

Memphis, Tenn.—Detective Cornelius Lamb left here having in custody John Henry, negro, wanted in St. Louis on a charge of operating a gambling house.

British Yachtmen Rejoice.

London—British yachtmen and the general British public, in whom the sporting instinct runs strongly, are rejoicing over the cable news that Sir Thomas Lipton may make another attempt to win back the America's cup.

Jury Clears Oklahoma Doctor.

Sulphur, Okla.—The jury in the case of Doctor E. Bakan, charged with having killed John Mitchell at Hickory, Dec. 1, returned a verdict of not guilty, after being out ten minutes.

Emigrants Are Increasing.

New York—The eastward flow of emigrants is more than four times greater than the number arriving in this country during the first seven days of January. The exodus which began in November of last year is continuing at a most remarkable rate.

Gangrene Kills Pastor.

Sunbury, Pa.—The Rev. J. H. Weber died at Clifton Springs Sanitarium from the results of his leg being amputated in a hospital there, owing to an attack of gangrene.

SAY CORTELYOU IS TO RETIRE.

Denials by Principals Said to Be Viewed as "Diplomatic."

New York—Reports of Secretary Cortelyou's resignation from the Roosevelt cabinet, published in more or less emphatic terms Wednesday morning, were met before noon with equally positive denials at Washington. These were from Mr. Cortelyou himself and also from Mr. Loeb, private secretary to President Roosevelt, speaking for the chief executive.

Despite these denials, which many regard as merely "diplomatic," the New York News Bureau, a leading Wall street financial news agency, promulgated this statement at 2 p. m.:

"It can be stated on the highest possible authority that an offer of the presidency of the reorganized Knickerbocker Trust Co. has been made to George B. Cortelyou, present secretary of the treasury. The secretary is now considering the offer. It can also be stated that the secretary's resignation from the cabinet is now before President Roosevelt."

LIMIT OF DEPRIVITY.

Clinton Courtroom Crowded to Hear Snell's Epistles Read.

Clinton, Ill.—Skeleons in the family closet of Colonel Thomas Snell, the dead millionaire, whose will is in danger of being declared invalid, were exposed for the benefit of a jury in the circuit court Friday. Letters which he wrote and received were produced and their contents created the greatest sensation.

In expectation that the epistles would be read, a large crowd assembled Friday morning, testing the capacity of the court room to its uttermost. This was regarded as the big day in the remarkable trial, the interest of the public centering in the letters and the evidence relating thereto.

The lawyers, after spending the greater part of Thursday going through the letters on exhibition, agreed that language could not express more vicious or depraved thoughts and that the limit of obscenity had been revealed.

INSANE MAN KILLS TWO.

Meets Refusal of Hand of Young Woman With Fusillade of Shots.

Paducah, Ky.—Joseph Banks and Martin Banks, brothers, are dead in Hardin county, Illinois, as the result of shots fired by Allen Morrow, an insane man. Morrow, badly wounded, is in jail. He will probably recover.

Morrow, who had recently been discharged from an asylum, visited the Banks home and demanded the hand of Miss Lucy Banks, the daughter of Joseph, in marriage. His demand being refused, he shot the father, killing him instantly. Martin attempted to interfere and was shot. He died soon after.

William Banks, Lucy's brother, hearing the shooting, rushed to the scene and shot Morrow twice with a shotgun. The girl gave the alarm and Morrow was arrested.

New Rifles for Guards.

Boston, Mass.—At the closing session of the national guard convention, announcement was made by General Crozier, chief of the ordnance bureau of the United States army, through General Drain, as president of the National Rifle Association, that the national guard throughout the country would be equipped before April 30 next with the new model 1903 magazine rifle and 1906 ammunition.

Woman Is a Bank Director.

Wabash, Ind.—Mrs. Kate M. Busick, one of the wealthiest women of Wabash, has been elected a director in the Wabash National bank, and will devote her personal attention to banking affairs.

May Settle Ocean Rate War.

London—Shipping men here predict that an attempt will be made to settle the trans-Atlantic rate war by a conference in this city of representatives of the principal steamship companies.

Two Dead, 20 Hurt in Wreck.

Cameron, N. C.—As the result of a head-on collision here between a Seaboard Air Line freight and north-bound fast passenger train No. 84, two men were killed and twenty injured, none seriously.

Woman Terrorist Taken.

Paris—The police of this city have captured a woman named Rosalia Zampalea, who is believed to have been a member of the band of Russian terrorists that in July of last year secured \$200,000 at Tiflis.

NEWS OF CONGRESS

DOINGS OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Concise Report of Measures Introduced and What Action Is Taken on Them.

Dalzell Bill Reported Favorably.

Washington—The house committee on patents, through Mr. Hinshaw of Nebraska, reported favorably the Dalzell bill, which bestows on the United States court of claims the power to consider claims by inventors for compensation on account of patents appropriated by the government without recompense to the patentees in cases where contracts were not entered into. A similar bill was passed by the senate at the last session and was favorably reported to the house, but on account of the inclusion of a retroactive clause as an amendment the measure failed of passage by the house. The Dalzell bill is non-retroactive.

Rixey Wants Another Ship.

Washington—Surgeon General Rixey of the navy asked the house committee on naval affairs to raise an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for the construction and equipment of a navy hospital ship. This estimate contemplates the installation of the most modern instruments and appliances which science has perfected in the surgical field. The committee's attitude was friendly to the request.

Public Hearings March 1.

Washington—Chairman Hepburn of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce gave notice that on the first Tuesday in March the committee will begin public hearings on the Gronna and Watson bills to provide for the inspection and grading of grain entering into interstate commerce and to secure uniformity in standards in the classification of grain.

Permits Passes to Widows.

Washington—Representative Hackney of Missouri introduced a bill so amending the interstate commerce act that common carriers are permitted to issue passes to the widows of deceased employees and to their minor children.

Fight on Code Amendments.

Washington—A complete change of front was exhibited by the majority in the house of representatives in the consideration of the bill to codify and revise the penal laws of the United States. The pacific spirit displayed by the committee on revision of laws towards the close of Wednesday's session, when it appeared as though the several amendments strengthening certain provisions of the bill regarding corruption in the appointment of persons to public offices would be adopted, had vanished and instead every inch of ground was fought over to keep amendments out of the bill.

Revenue Cutter Service.

Washington—The senate committee on commerce considered the revenue cutter service personnel bill, which reorganizes the service and increases the pay and rate of some of the higher officers, and ordered a favorable report upon it. This is the first of the bills increasing the pay of any part of the military or naval service to be reported to the senate. A small increase of officers is provided in the bill.

Criminal Law Revise Criticized.

Washington—There was a running fire of criticism in the senate of the bill to revise the criminal laws of the United States, which Senator Heyburn, chairman of the joint committee, framed. The bill met with many explanations. Senator Bacon claimed that the print of the bill was not arranged in a way to make clear every change of law contained in the bill. Senators Heyburn and Sutherland defended the bill, explaining that they were ready to give full explanation of each section when reached.

Limits Speculative Loans.

Washington—Senator Owen introduced bills limiting the speculative loans of national banks for the purpose of dealing in stocks and agricultural and other products to their unpaired capital and surplus, forbidding national banks to receive deposits in excess of ten times the amount of their capital and surplus.

Extradition Treaty with Spain.

Washington—The senate ratified and made public a treaty between the United States and Spain wherein it is agreed that Spain shall upon requisition, deliver up to justice persons charged with any of a list of certain crimes from murder to slave trading.

Burned by Exploding Lamp.

Bangor, Me.—Mrs. William R. Williams turned down a hanging lamp, preparatory to retiring, when the lamp suddenly exploded. The oil was thrown all over her clothing and she was seriously burned before the flames could be extinguished.

Former Governor Dead.

Dover, N. H.—Former Governor Charles H. Sawyer died at his home here. He was the principal owner for many years of the Sawyer Woolen Mills here.

At 73 He Is Denied Divorce.

Cincinnati, O.—George C. Weiss, a prosperous farmer, 73 years old and father of 16 children, who sued his wife for divorce after being married 47 years, was denied a decree by Judge Woodmansee.

Steamer Lost on Rocks.

Hamburg—The steamer Ascam Woermann, from Hamburg, went on the rocks off Grand Bassa, Liberia, while running down the west coast of Africa, and is a total loss. The crew was saved.

BANKER WALSH FOUND GUILTY

FORMER CHICAGO BOSS MUST PAY PENALTY FOR MISAPPLYING FUNDS.

JURY HAS FINALLY AGREED

Verdict Reached at 3 A. M. Saturday, After Thirty-Three Hours' Deliberation—Trial Lasted Months.

Chicago, Ill.—John R. Walsh was found guilty of misapplying the funds of the Chicago National bank, of which he was president and principal owner. The verdict was returned to Judge Anderson in federal court at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Under the law Walsh must go to prison for a term of years not exceeding five and not less than one. His imprisonment will be in the federal penitentiary.

The verdict was reached at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, after the jury had deliberated 33 hours. The jurors at that time wrote out their verdict, signed it and went to bed at their hotel.

Court Outlined Issues.

The charge delivered to the jury by Judge Anderson was regarded as favorable to the contention of the government. Touching upon the question of guilty intent, which was, in fact, the only real issue in the case, the court said:

"If the defendant acted in good faith and without fraudulent intent, with the belief that he was acting to benefit the bank, although the transactions were not judicious, he is not to be held criminally responsible. If he acted, however, in bad faith and with intent to benefit himself or some other person or corporation other than the bank, his acts were criminal."

Accepts Verdict Stoically.

The former financial autocrat of Chicago showed no emotion when the verdict was read in Judge Anderson's courtroom. He was released under \$50,000 bonds, pending motions for a new trial.

The verdict of guilt was read in a courtroom crowded with the greatest throng ever seen in the federal building. The proceedings became intensely dramatic at times, and a hush fell over the room so that a pin might have been heard falling.

The jurors were taken to their seats through Judge Anderson's chambers to avoid the rush. Foreman James E. Taggart led the men in. He handed to Clerk Charles E. Bull the verdict, which was read aloud at once, on orders of the court. It found Walsh guilty on 54 counts out of 150 charged in the indictment.

WILL CONTEST BRADLEY WILL.

Nieces to Fight for \$2,200,000 Left to Peoria School.

Stockton, Cal.—Mrs. H. W. Griffith, Mrs. J. D. McDougal and Mrs. Mary B. Percival of this city, nieces of Mrs. Lydia Bradley, who died at Peoria, Ill., this week, leaving an estate estimated to be worth \$4,000,000, will contest the will, which bequeaths \$2,200,000 to the Polytechnic School of Peoria.

Mrs. Bradley was a sister of Capt. Billy Moss, who came to Stockton many years ago, leaving a vast estate in Peoria in charge of Mrs. Bradley's husband as his agent. Moss also left a large estate here when he died some years ago. The three nieces mentioned are his daughters.

White Coal Found in Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky.—McLean county, Kentucky, comes to the front with the reported discovery of a vein of white coal. It was found under a farm near Wrightsburg. A preacher of Madisonville has returned from conducting revival services in the mountains with specimens of the mineral. It is very light, makes neither soot nor cinders, and its ashes resemble those of a wood fire.

Kills Eagle; Saves Baby.

Goldboro, N. C.—An eagle bearing an infant son of William Woods in its talons, was shot by the baby's father here as it was laboriously flying out of the farm yard. Woods feared he would injure the child, and his first shot only broke the eagle's wing. When it fell to the ground he killed it.

Thieves Chloroform Victims.

New York—Thieves looted the lodging house at 332 East Thirty-first street Saturday after chloroforming the 34 occupants, and got away with \$2,000 in jewelry and cash. In the loot was \$1,650 in cash.

Chicago Has \$400,000 Fire.

Chicago, Ill.—Property valued at more than \$400,000 was destroyed by fire which started in a six-story brick building at 1929 Market street, occupied by McNeil & Higgins, wholesale grocers. Several firemen were slightly injured.

Annapolis Hazing Stopped.

Washington, D. C.—Captain Badger, superintendent of the naval academy, has assured the house committee on naval affairs that hazing at Annapolis has been wiped out.

Raise in Beer Unpopular.

New York—Saloonkeepers in New York are still much excited over the threatened raise of \$1 a barrel in the price of beer, although one prominent brewer has stated that there would be no increase.

Mrs. Frank Rockefeller Ill.

Cleveland, O.—Mrs. Frank Rockefeller is ill with typhoid fever at her apartments in the St. Regis, Euclid avenue. Her family fears her sickness may have serious consequences, because of her years.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

A Railway Bridge Ordered Out.

Complaints have recently come to the office of the Missouri board of railroad commissioners that the bridge of the Williamsville, Greenville & St. Louis railway across the St. Francois river was in a dangerous condition. Commissioner Knott and Commissioner Ogleby made an examination, with the assistance of a civil engineer, and found the bridge in bad condition. The board made an order directing the railway company to replace the bridge at once. The board also ordered the company to repair all trestles on its lines without delay.

Was Sterling Price's Son.

Gen. Edwin W. Price, son of the late Confederate General Sterling Price, who served under his father in the civil war, died at St. Louis recently, aged 73 years. Gen. Price's home was in Keytesville, where he had banking and farming interests. All his immediate relatives live in St. Louis, with the exception of a daughter, Mrs. Kate Howard of Kansas City, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sterling Price of Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. Stella Price of Houston, Tex.

Special Life Policies Barred.

Superintendent Vandiver has sent notices to the life insurance companies of the state that companies embodying special contracts in the body of their policies would not receive a license from the department March 1 unless they desist from this practice. Formerly these special contracts were pasted to the policies, but now some companies, in an attempt to evade the law as M. Vandiver construes it, are placing the special contracts in the policies.

Adopts Bertillon System.

The Bertillon system of identifying criminals has been inaugurated in the Missouri penitentiary, under the supervision of John M. Shea, superintendent of the police system in St. Louis. After Mr. Shea has completed his instructions, this particular department will be turned over to H. A. Dudley, who has been connected with the prison since Warden Hall's inauguration. In this respect Missouri was behind some of the other big prisons of the country.

Jefferson City Homes Burned.

Two handsome residences on Madison street, directly opposite the governor's mansion, were practically destroyed by fire recently. It started in the residence of John Brandt, roadmaster of the Missouri Pacific, from a defective flue and spread to the adjoining house owned by Miss Gertrude Aubuchon. The furniture in both houses was partially saved. The loss on both is about \$8,000, partially covered by insurance.

Bank Robbers Foiled.

An attempt was made by robbers recently in Cass county to loot the Bank of Raymore. When Benjamin Hanna, the cashier, went to the bank he found that the three outer doors of the vault had been blown open with nitro-glycerin. The inside steel door, behind which was \$3,000, had not been opened.

Can Be Neighborly.

Webb City and Cartersville are so close together that a cement sidewalk has been laid, connecting the towns.

Preparing for Campaign.

A Greencastle girl wants to know if women can be sued for breach of promise in leap year.

Meanest Man Again.

The meanest man has turned up again, this time in Mount City, where he poisoned stock.

Abolishes Street Car Passes.

No official of Sedalia or Pettis county will ride free on the local street railway system this year. Herebefore annual passes have been numerous. Last November a special grand jury was drawn and the giving and accepting of passes was duly considered. No indictments were returned, but the county attorney, H. D. Dow, advised the abolishment of passes to either city or county officials and the street car company heeded the suggestion. A local newspaper agitated the matter and the free list to the press also has been abolished.

A Thief Dig Up the Coin.

Alarmed lest his money was not safe in the bank of Nianqua, Webster county, in which he was a stockholder, George Ellmore dug out \$720 in gold and buried it two months ago, only to find, when he went to get the coin recently that someone had taken all except \$40, which evidently had been overlooked in the thief's haste. Ellmore has reported the matter to the police to see if they can get some trace of the money.

Leader in Church Work Dead.

Mrs. Nannie G. Hoagland, 82 years old, widow of the late George T. Hoagland, the St. Joseph millionaire, is dead. She was a leader in church work and was a member of the Methodist church here 55 years.

Merely Shot His Father.

A Macon man gave his small boy a rifle as a Christmas gift. But don't think the boy shot himself, for that supposition is incorrect. He merely shot his father, and not mortally, at that.

Pardon for a St. Joseph Convict.

John Armstrong of St. Joseph was released from the penitentiary by parole commutation issued by Gov. Folk. Armstrong was sentenced to three years from July 2, 1906, by the criminal court of Buchanan county for burglary.

Church Women Husked Corn.

The women of the Presbyterian church went to the home of John T. Davis, a farmer south of New Cambria, and husked corn to be sold for the benefit of the church.

BREEDER OF TRUSTS

REPUBLICAN TARIFF POLICY WELL DESCRIBED.

M. E. Ingalls Points Out Reason for the Great Accumulation of Wealth in a Few Hands—Need of Immediate Change.

In a speech delivered at Lancaster, O., January 8, on "Democracy," M. E. Ingalls denounced the trust breeding policy of the Republican party and showed the only cure for the evil—that advocated by the Democrats—proper reduction of the tariff where it serves to foster monopoly, and publicity for corporate affairs. He said in part:

"We hear much to-day from the Republican leaders about the large corporations and trusts and predatory wealth, and they call for their destruction (as though that would bring safety to the republic), when the fact is, it is like cutting down the weeds instead of digging them up by the roots. To my mind, the great source and cause of these large corporations, and this great accumulation of wealth in a few hands, is due to our system of taxation; more especially the tariff. When this government first started, and until a few years since, the theory of the tariff was that it should be so laid as to produce revenue, with taxation as an incident. This has been changed in the last few years, so that to-day your tariff is made for protection, and the revenue is only an incident. This is the doctrine of the fathers reversed, and reversed for what? For the purpose of enabling these great corporations to protect themselves and form alliances and combinations which will keep out competition; and sell cheaper to foreigners than to our own people; to drive out the small manufacturers, and produce exactly the condition of affairs that we have to-day. Does anyone think that a law can be wise or good which will enable one man to take \$300,000,000 or \$400,000,000 out of manufacturing business by a combination, formed solely for the purpose of driving out all the smaller manufacturers and forming one gigantic monopoly? Was there ever a tariff law made in the last 20 years that was not dictated by the sugar trust? The president of that trust, who was one of the ablest men in the country, properly and rightly stated at Washington that the tariff was the mother of trusts. No one knew better than he whereof he spoke. We do not wish to break down, to destroy. Our mission is to build up, but we want to build up for the benefit of the many and not for the few. Our Republican opponents say we must not touch the tariff this election, and that when it is amended it should be by the people who are